

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 27, line 14 as follows:

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R1 Referring to Figure 5, there is shown a 2-dimensional sheath flow cuvette 70. A laser ~~72~~ 71 provides a laser beam that is passed through cylindrical lenses ~~74~~ 73 and ~~76~~ 75, to generate an elliptically shaped beam. The laser is an argon-ion laser.

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